

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1994 – SB 2636

February 4, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security (DOS), in collaboration with the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services (DHS), to implement a system to identify and relocate, with a preference for specified geographic locations, illegal aliens as soon as practicable upon arrival in Tennessee, but not later than 15 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures –

Exceeds \$2,365,300/FY22-23

Exceeds \$1,438,000/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years

Other Fiscal Impact – Significant additional state resources will be required on a recurring basis. Significant decreases in state and local expenditures will be realized from the decreased provision of state and local services. Significant decreases in state and local revenue will be realized due to decreased economic activity in the state. Due to multiple unknown factors, any such additional state and local impacts cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty.

Assumptions:

- The DOS cannot accommodate the requirements of this legislation within existing resources, and will require additional funding for new personnel, vehicles, equipment, information technology, transportation, lodging, legal support, and likely other unforeseen needs.
- Recent estimates from the Pew Research Center indicate the population of undocumented aliens in the state exceeds 130,000.
- The DOS will need to hire at least 11 Special Agents, 2 Intelligence Analysts, and 1 Administrative Assistant to launch the required program.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures to DOS for new positions is estimated to be \$1,147,545 (\$900,936 salaries + \$246,609 benefits) in FY22-23 and subsequent years.
- Each Special Agent will require one-time expenditures for equipment and supplies estimated to be \$38,300. Therefore, a one-time increase in state expenditures for equipment and supplies estimated to be \$421,300 (\$38,300 x 11) in FY22-23.
- Each Special Agent will require recurring expenditures for equipment and supplies estimated to be \$24,200. Therefore, a recurring increase in state expenditures for

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equipment and supplies estimated to be \$266,200 (11 x \$24,200) in FY22-23 and subsequent years.

- The three remaining positions of Intelligence Analysts and Administrative Assistant will each require a one-time increase in state expenditures for computers and phones estimated to be \$2,000. Therefore, a one-time increase in state expenditures for computers and phones estimated to be \$6,000 (\$2,000 x 3) in FY22-23.
- The Intelligence Analysts and Administrative Assistant will also each require a recurring increase in state expenditures for various office supplies and services estimated to be \$8,100 (\$7,500 services + \$600 supplies). Therefore, a recurring increase in state expenditures for office supplies and services estimated to be \$24,300 (\$8,100 x 3) in FY22-23 and subsequent years.
- A one-time increase in state expenditures to DOS to implement a new records management system estimated to be \$500,000 in FY22-23.
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures to DOS is estimated to exceed \$2,365,345 (\$1,147,545 + \$421,300 + \$266,200 + \$6,000 + \$24,300 + \$500,000) in FY22-23.
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures to DOS is estimated to exceed \$1,438,045 (\$1,147,545 + \$266,200 + \$24,300) in FY23-24 and subsequent years.
- It is unclear what role is intended for the DHS.
- In order to accomplish the full scope of this legislation's requirements, significant additional state resources would be required on a recurring basis. Due to multiple unknown variables, and given the magnitude of the effort thought to be required, a precise estimate of the additional state resources that will be required cannot be quantified with any reasonable certainty.
- Decreases in state and local expenditures associated with reduced provision of government services will be realized. Due to multiple unknown variables, any such decreases cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty.
- Decreases in state and local revenue will be realized due to decreased economic activity in the state. Due to multiple unknown factors, any such decreases cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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